

Dear Sirs,

Technology has moved on. It is no longer a requirement to know how to adjust a spark gap. It is becoming necessary to know about other modes (e.g. digital, SSB, SSTV, ATV, Packet) to be an accomplished amateur operator. WRC-03, many licensing organizations around the world, and even the coast guard do not believe that Morse code is a requirement for operators. Since one of the purposes of amateur radio is to "establish a pool of trained operators" and other modes, and not the ability to send/receive Morse is now more necessary, I submit that the requirement for Element 1 (Morse) should be deleted from being a requirement for an amateur license.

I also believe that you should act on removing Element 1 as expeditiously as possible to allow amateur radio to move forward.

This petition by NCVEC has been well thought out and is comprehensive and should be given your most serious consideration.

Thank you,
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